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SUBJ: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO:

KIBELE, BRUCE CLARK

REF: STATE 194199

1. CONSULAR ACCESS: KIBELE ARRESTED JANUARY 11, 1974. EMBASSY LEARNED OF ARREST JANUARY 16, THROUGH NEWSPAPER. STARK MATERIAL INDICATES HE REQUESTED TO CALL LAWYER AND EMBASSY, BUT WAS REFUSED. CONOFF SPOKE WITH FATHER IN US JANUARY 17 BY PHONE. POST FILES INDICATE KIBELE WAS INTERVIEWED BY CONOFF JANUARY 30, 1974, DURING FIRST REGULAR VISIT TO LECUMBERRI PRISON AFTER ARREST.

2. MISTREATMENT AT TIME OF ARREST: IN STARK MATERIAL, KIBELE STATES THAT HE WAS SLAPPED AROUND QUOTE VERY LITTLE UNQUOTE FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES. HE DID NOT MENTION THIS TO CONOFF, BUT NOTE IN EMBASSY FILES DATED MARCH 5, 1975 INDICATES KIBELE WAS QUOTE ONE OF MOST BITTER IN HIS ACCUSATIONS OF COLLUSION BETWEEN USG AND GOM, AND PHYSICAL ABUSE BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES, ALTHOUGH HE GAVE NO SPECIFICS UNQUOTE.

3. POSSIBLE EXTORTION BY ATTORNEY: IN STARK MATERIAL, KIBELE INDICATES HE EMPLOYED ATTORNEY (NAME UNKNOWL) ON RECOMMENDATION OF ANOTHER PRISONER AND THAT HE PAID US 2,000 DOLLARS DOWN UPON ATTORNEY'S PROMISE TO GET UNCLASSIFIED

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HIM OUT IN THREE MONTHS. EMBASSY FILES INDICATE THAT

KIBELE'S FATHER ALSO EMPLOYED ATTORNEY, ROGELIO VASQUEZ, THROUGH AND UPON RECOMMENDATION OF FRIENDS OR ASSOCIATE IN LOCAL US COMPANY. IN LETTER TO EMBASSY DATED JUNE 16, 1975, FATHER SAID THAT VASQUEZ HAD DONE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT SON'S CASE AND THAT HE HAD ASKED FOR REFUND, LESS REASONABLE EXPENSES, WHICH VASQUEZ REFUSED. EMBASSY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH ASSOCIATE WHO HAD RECOMMENDED VASQUEZ, WHO RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO TALK TO HIM. ASSOCIATE WAS EQUALLY UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING REFUND, AS VASQUEZ CLAIMED HE HAD EARNED US 4,000 DOLLARS HE HAD BEEN PAID. MR. KIBELE SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED NOT TO PURSUE THE MATTER.

4. MISTREATMENT IN PRISON: IN STARK MATERIAL, KIBELE INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO BEATINGS, EXTORTION AND WORK DETAIL. ONLY COMPLAINT IN EMBASSY FILES RE PRISON DIFFICULTIES REFERS TO LACK OF DENTAL FACILITIES AND NEED FOR PAIN PILLS FOR NECK INJURY. CONOFF WILL INQUIRE INTO PRESENT STATUS OF DENTAL AND MEDICAL PROBLEMS NEXT VISIT. JOVA

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